Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Helen Hecht was born at the family farm near Wilmot on April 18, 1911; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Helen married Stanley Weeden on October 9, 1935, giving life and love to five children, Joyce, Glen, Eileen, Gladys, and Marilyn. They shared their love and home with a special nephew, Harlan Weeden, and a special niece, Judy Gammon, and their lives were further blessed with 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Helen's special talent was baking and decorating cakes of all kinds; and,

Whereas, Helen happily resides in Wilmot, South Dakota where she has lived her entire life; and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2011, as

HELEN WEEDEN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State